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(preferred arrangement set forth below, MPEP 1503.01)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D  
- Reference to Microfiche Appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description of the Invention (including drawings, if filed)  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 6]
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a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09/927,350, filed August 13, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/466,725, filed December 17, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,283,967 B1, the entire contents of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.

Prior application information: Examiner: Robert, Eduardo C.

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 09/927,350 filed on August 13, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S Patent Application No. 09/466,725, filed on December 17, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,283,967 B1.

of Thomas N. Troxell, G. Kris Kumar, Barclay R. Davis, and Thomas J. Runco

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for TRANSCONNECTOR FOR COUPLING SPINAL RODS

(title of invention)

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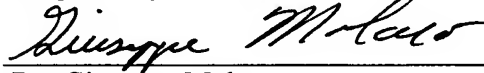
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- 3b. ☒ A new specification, substantially identical to the pending prior application and containing no new matter, is enclosed.
- 4a. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4b. ☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.
- 5a. ☐ Priority of application no. filed on in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

- 5b. ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application no. , filed .
6. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Synthes (U.S.A.) at Reel 010621 Frame: 0397.
- 7a. ☐ A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. , filed is enclosed.
- 7b. ☒ A Power of Attorney is enclosed.
8. ☐ This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37.CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9. ☐ The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10. ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH. I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).
11. ☒ Additional enclosures or instruction: a copy of the originally executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from United States Patent Application No.09/466,725, filed on December 17, 1999, now United States Patent No. 6,283,967 B1 is enclosed herein.

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